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SUBJ: GLOBE AND MAIL ARTICLE ON TRUDEAU VISIT

1. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL COLUMNIST GEOFFREY STEVENS DISCUSSES TRUDEAU VISIT IN NOV 30 ARTICLE TITLED "TO GET ACQUAINTED," WHICH EXTAFF OFFICIALS REPORT TO BE "VERY ACCURATE," STEVENS SAY THAT DESPITE SPECIFIC ISSUES IN CANADA-U.S. RELATIONS, PRIMIN AND PRESIDENT FORD WILL BE CONTENT "SKIM LIGHTLY OVER SURFACE." "THERE SEEMS TO BE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND WHILE HOUSE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A FORMAL LIST OF TOPICS. THE CHIEF PURPOSE IS TO GET ACQUAINTED."

2. STEVENS REPORTS INDICATIONS IN OTTAWA THAT PRIMIN WILL WISH DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST AND "WILL NOT BE SURPRISED IF MR. FORD RAISES NORTH AMERICAN DEFENSE," BUT THAT TRUDEAU IS UNLIKELY HAVE SOLID INFORMATION TO OFFER ON LATTER SUBJECT.

3. EXPLAINING PREDICTION THAT LITTLE OF REAL SUBSTANCE  
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WILL EMERGEN FROM TALKS, STEVENS CITES "LOW KEY ATTITUDE"

GOC TAKES TO SOME BILATERAL PROBLEMS. "THERE IS A FEELING IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES HERE THAT CONFRONTATION OVER BEEF AND PORK QUOTAS IS NOT NEARLY AS SERIOUS AS HAS BEEN REPORTED. SIMILARLY, CAMPAIGN BY A GROUP OF U.S. CONGRESSMEN TO PERSUADE PRESIDENT FORD TO RETALIATE AGAINST CANADA'S PLANS TO PHASE OUT OIL EXPORTS TO U.S. IS NOT BEING TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY HERE."

4. STEVENS CONCLUDES THAT ALTHOUGH CHANCE OF "FANTASTIC BREAKTHROUGH" IS REMOTE, MEETIN COULD HAVE EFFECT ON CANADIAN ECONOMIC POLICY. "SHOULD MR. FORD SUGGEST - AS HE MAY - THAT HE INTENDS TO CONCENTRATE ON DEFEATING INFLATION AT EXPENSE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH," GOC MAY HAVE TO ADJUST TO AVOID BEING PULLED INTO RECESSION.

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